

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1385

By Brown

A RESOLUTION to recognize the 33rd Annual Tennessee
Association of School Social Workers
Conference.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pride in specially recognizing those annual events that serve to inspire hope and change through wise instruction and by effectively addressing matters of school, home, community, and self; and

WHEREAS, one such worthwhile event is the annual Tennessee Association of School Social Workers Conference, which is holding its thirty-third annual event on September 22-24, 2010, in Chattanooga, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Association of School Social Workers (TASSW) seek to:
UNITE in one association all persons engaged in the practice of social work in the schools or in social work education; ENCOURAGE the interpretation and promotion of social work;
COORDINATE school social work activities; SHARE ideas, techniques, and research that will help promote professional competency of social work in educational settings; DISSEMINATE information and focus public attention on issues that affect the educational development of all students; and FOSTER cohesiveness among the membership and to further the goals and objectives of the association; and

WHEREAS, this year's event, themed "Orchestrating Harmony: School, Home, Community & Self," will offer an array of informative speakers, ethics training, multiple breakout programs, an awards presentation, legislative update sessions, and a youth panel among its varied offerings to conference attendees; and

WHEREAS, the estimable speakers for the 2010 conference include Anne McGinnis, Farrell Artis, Jenny Curtain, Clay Phillips, Joe Smith, Reuben Dockery, Leslie Farmer, Julie

Brunner, Annice Overall, Tobe Taylor, Senator Andy Berke, and Representative Tommie Brown; and

WHEREAS, at the convention, the TASSW will bestow its annual awards, including the Beverly Diane Taylor School Social Worker of the Year Award, which was presented in 2009 to Karen Phillips of Tipton County Schools and the Beverly Diane Taylor Friend to Children Award, which was presented in 2009 to Sherry L. Mahar, a juvenile law attorney, and has previously been presented to entertainers Amy Grant and Dolly Parton, former Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell, State Representative Tommie Brown, Speaker Pro Tempore Lois DeBerry and State Senator Thelma Harper; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Tennessee Association of School Social Workers are to ensure a safe, clean, and orderly environment that promotes learning in all schools; improve academic performance of all students through a system of high standards and accountability in all classrooms; recruit and retain effective and qualified teachers for all children; and enhance and strengthen the programs that promote good citizenship, teach character education, and value diversity; and

WHEREAS, its goals also include developing a parent involvement program in every school; implementing a comprehensive plan that provides clear and open lines of communication among central office employees, schools staffs, parents, and the community; creating and funding a strategic plan that promotes equity for all students in all schools; enlisting the entire community as partners in public education; developing and expanding technology systems to enhance teaching and learning; developing and implementing a strategic plan to reduce the dropout rate by one-half in five years; and enhancing and improving efficacy of the special education department; and

WHEREAS, the thirteen Board members of the Tennessee Association of School Social Workers are: Cathy Bolton, President; Annice Overall, Past President; Donna Tarver, President-Elect; Linda Howerton, Secretary; Claudia Lisenby, Newsletter Editor; Mary Ann Johnson, Treasurer; Karen McPherson, Southwest District Representative; Donna Patton, Southeast District Representative; Angie Gardener, Upper Cumberland Representative; Betty Jones,

South Central Representative; Katie Allen, East District Representative; Karen Phillips, Northwest District Representative; and Angela Allison, Technology Liaison; and

WHEREAS, the 33rd Annual Tennessee Association of School Social Workers Conference serves as a beacon of light, as so many committed professionals gather to work together for the best interests of all children, and it should be specially recognized for its valuable contributions to the citizens of this State and this Nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend and honor the facilitators and attendees of the 33rd Annual Tennessee Association of School Social Workers Conference and extend to them our sincerest wishes for every success in this event and in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.